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Martin,

Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

- Ceasing site operations poses or would pose an imminent threat to increase in environmental risk greater than that if work halts; or
- EPA's emergency response program needs to address or is addressing imminent threat to public health or the environment; or
- A constructed remedy or ongoing construction is addressing mining

This exception would also apply to the response actions directly related to the Gold King

Mine Release. We understand that you are responding to the release as an Emergency Response and will provide an Action Memorandum for these actions as soon as it is reasonable to do so. If the Proposed Action Memorandum were to be greater than \$6 million dollars it will require a HQ Approval through the HQ EOC to the Associate Administrator. Also if the Removal Action is over \$2 Million dollars it would require consultation consistent with the attached Superfund Removal Guidance for preparing Action Memoranda.

Please let me know if you have additional questions regarding the Cessation Memorandum as they may relate to your ongoing work in Region 8.

Thanks

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